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NOTIFICATION

The 13th February, 2004.

No.DC.XXVII/Genl/6/2004/2:- In exercise of the Powers conferred under Section 13 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003, the Executive Committee Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to approve "The Nongstoin Syiemship Rules 2003 which is notified hereunder for general information.

THE NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP RULES, 2003:

PREAMBLE:- Whereas under section 13 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003, the Executive Durbar is empowered to make rules for the day to day administration of the Syiemship in accordance with the prevailing customary practices and its administrative rights.

And whereas it is considered expedient to safeguard and preserve the customary practices of Nongstoin Syiemship which have been in practice since time immemorial and to make such provisions for the smooth functioning of Nongstoin Syiemship.

Now, therefore, the Executive Durbar in exercise of powers conferred on it as aforesaid and of all other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby made and framed the Nongstoin Syiemship Rules, 2003 as follows:-

1. Short title, Extent and commencement:-

- (1) These Rules shall be called "The Nongstoin Syiemship Rules 2003".
- (2) They shall come into operation throughout Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (3) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definition: - In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, their expressions shall have the meaning as under:-

- (1) "Act" means The Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003.
- (2) "Accountant" means an employee of the Office specially appointed to deal in accounts and any fiscal matters in the Office of the Syiem.
- (3) "Address" means politeness in delivering speech before the Durbar.
- (4) "Adviser" means any gentleman specially appointed to guide or recommend for smooth administration in the Syiemship,

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- (5) "Agent" means a person appointed by the candidate and authorized to represent on his behalf any election matter.
 - (6) "Amendment" means the proposal for correction the already existed constitution, Act or Rules or any object clarified in the Motion, Resolution or Report.
 - (7) "Appeal fee" means fee payable on the petition filed by person against any decision, either at the election time or any other decision.
 - (8) "Appendix" means an additional correlated writing.
 - (9) "Auditor" means a person who examines the accounts relating to the annual income and expenditure of the Syiemship and who is entitled for payment of honorarium.
 - (10) "Budget Estimate" means an estimated record of income and expenditure annually.
 - (11) "Business" means any matter placed before the Durbar to consider for action or decision on such matter which includes motion, resolution, report etc. as may be permitted by the Chairman for discussion as such.
 - (12) "Candidate" means any person who applies for any post according to the Act or Rule within the Syiemship.
 - (13) "Casting vote" means an extra vote used by the Chairman when Votes on each side equal to enable to decide any matter in the Durbar.
 - (14) "Chairman" means a person who presides and chairs the Durbar when so convened.
 - (15) "Clerk" means appointed employees of the Office including Head Assistant, Assistants, Record keeper, Typist etc.
 - (16) "Durbar Hima" means the supreme Authority of Nongstoin Syiemship comprising of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem, Electors and some Rangbah Shnong or Headman as may be invited by the Syiem and his Durbar and such persons or invitees has no voting right. Such Durbar shall be convened by the Syiem or any other person authorized as such by the Syiem for at least once a year and in case of emergencies it may be convened at any time.
 - (17) "Durbar Hall" means a place where the Durbar of Nongstoin Syiemship is held.
 - (18) "Dorbar Kur Syiem" means the Durbar of the Syiem clan of Nongstoin which is the womb eligible to be the Syiem those descendants as per the Report of Capt. D. Herbert, the Deputy Commissioner, Khasi Jaintia Hills in 1903.
 - (19) "Durbar Shnong" means the administrative Durbar of the Lyngdoh, Mynteri, Sordar and the Headman or Rangbah Shnong within Nongstoin Syiemship.
 - (20) "Durbar Syiem" or "The Executive Durbar" means the Durbar with decision making authority of the Syiem of Nongstoin which will look into, superintendent day – to – day affairs relating to judicial and administrative matter, to examine and decide the administrative matter by the Syiem.
 - (21) "District Council" means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong.
 - (22) "Election" means a procedure where person is elected for filling up of any vacant post as provided in the Act or Rule with an exception of those posts which are filled up by direct appointment.
 - (23) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong.
 - (24) "Fees" means any payment made at any relevant time as fees for the petition as prescribed by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (25) "Form" means printed paper furnished by the Office for any intended purpose as an example for proper arrangement.

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- (26) "Fund" means fiscal collection of any Durbar.
 - (27) "Hajat" means a building where offenders are kept.
 - (28) "Headman" or "Rangbah Shnong" means an administrator of local area who assists the Basan, Lyngdoh, Myntri and Lyngskor on administrative matter or administrator of village who has his own Durbar Synshar and Durbar Bishar or the representative of the village to the Durbar Raid if it falls within the Raid area.
 - (29) "Headquarter" means the premises of administrator and his office which must be within the Territory of the Syiemship.
 - (30) "Hima" means the Hima Nongstoin Syiemship.
 - (31) "Ithuh (Recognized)" means recognized by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (32) "Khorsa" means customary collection since time immemorial which the subjects have to pay to the Syiem through their Durbar shnong.
 - (33) "Ki Kñi" means maternal uncles or clan elders duly elected by the clan who will look after and supervise the affairs of the clan according to their wish, recognized by the clan members and by the village administrative authorities within the Syiemship.
 - (34) "Ki Khun Kynthei" means elder sisters of the youngest daughter from the same womb or mother, who have also the right with the youngest daughter to maintain, succeed in place of the youngest daughter in the event she is unable to do so for some reasonable ground and authenticated as such by parents along with uncles and also certified by the village and the Syiem.
 - (35) "Khun Khadduh" means a youngest female daughter who should look after the parents, brothers/sisters who is the foundation of the clan, residing in any village within the Syiemship who also should take part in social service to that family as prevailing custom recognized by the clan members, by the village and the Syiem.
 - (36) "Khun ki Hajar" mean the natives of Nongstoin Syiemship.
 - (37) "Lawlyngdoh Kur" means any forest sanctified, and under the care of and a private ownership right of any clan concerned located in the village within the Syiemship and duly recognized by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (38) "Lawshnong" means a forest looked after, maintained and privately claimed by a village or villages within the Syiemship and recognized as such by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (39) "Law-Hima" means a forest under the management and care of the Syiemship within the villages of the Syiemship and recognized as such by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (40) "Law Ri Kynti" means a forest(s) owned by Private individual or a group or any other individual recognized by the Syiem and his Durbar of the Syiemship.
 - (41) (a) "Lyngdoh" means a customary head who carries out general administrative function of those areas/villages as a Lyngdoh which may consist of two or more villages within his administrative territorial jurisdiction.
 - (b) "Lyngdoh Hima" means a Lyngdoh from the Byrsat Nongstoin Clan who look and work together and shall be a member of the Durbar Syiem or Executive Durbar of Nongstoin Syiemship in carrying out the day to day administration and judicial matter, who shall Assist or represented the Syiem in all matters pertaining to the affairs of the Syiemship within and outside it as per the prevailing customs.
 - (c) "Lyngskor" means the administrator of Raid Nonglangtur or Raid Sohbar which falls within Nongstoin Syiemship elected and appointed as such by the Syiem.
 - (d) "Myntri" means the Myntri of Mawkhlam-Nongpyndeng who is its Administrative Head and the Myntri Nongstoin who jointly look after the administration of Nongstoin village within Nongstoin Syiemship.

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- (e) "Basan" means the administrator of Raid Nongjri or Raid Nongkulang which is within Nongstoin Syiemship elected and appointed as such by the Syiem.
 - (f) "Sordar" means an Administrative Head of a village within Nongstoin Syiemship.
 - (42) "Male adult" means those male members born within Nongstoin Syiemship and who are not less than 18 years of age at the time as may be notified by the Durbar Syiem
 - (43) "Maholder" means a lessee of markets or toll gate etc. whom the office of the Syiem had leased out to him/her in accordance with the terms and agreed upon with him/her and who furnishes all the requirements of the Syiem and his Durbar as arranged.
 - (44) "Majority" means the greater number or voters in deciding any matter/dispute.
 - (45) "Marpohkhyndew" (Mineral) means any substance obtained from mining within the Syiemship such as sand, stone, soil, coal, Silimanite, Limestone, Uranium, Gold, Silver, Oil, etc.
 - (46) "Mawpud Khyndew or Mawbri Khyndew" means boundary stones erected when boundaries of any lands are settled, witnessed in the presence of adjoining land owners and village elders at the place where the stones are erected according to their existing directions.
 - (47) "Member Durbar Syiem" means the members of the Executive Durbar of Nongstoin Syiemship nominated by the Syiem himself who will take part in the management of the affairs of the Hima and supervise day-to-day administrative and judicial matters. The members of the Durbar Syiem will have their own respective portfolios as may be allotted to them by the Syiem.
 - (48) "Motion" means a proposal that a member wanted to place before the Durbar for discussion and action on that proposal.
 - (49) "Musur" means a customary toll on commercial goods/articles/materials brought in or transported outside the Syiemship as practiced since time immemorial on minerals/forest produce and any other commercial goods.
 - (50) "Nerik" means the schedule of the rates of toll collection as may be fixed for the articles/materials by the office of the Syiem from time to time.
 - (51) "Nongtreikam" means employees duly appointed by the Syiem but are not eligible to be member of the Durbar Hima unless they possess the qualification under any of the provision of these Rules.
 - (52) "Nomination Fee" means a fee prescribed for any post connected with the election matter.
 - (53) "Nomination Paper" means a form for filling up of name of any candidate who intended to contest any post which form is readily available in the office of the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (54) "Office" means a building used for clerical works of the Syiem of Nongstoin which also maintains the records of the Syiemship.
 - (55) "Officer" means a member of Durbar Syiem/Executive Member employed in the office of the Syiemship.
 - (56) "Permission" means an action of allowing a person by the Syiem for any process which the office used to implement and deemed fit for such implementation according to the act/rule which are at his disposal.
 - (57) "Point of order" means a person's speech citing whether it is legal or illegal according to the portion of the act/Rule.
 - (58) "Policy" means proposed or adopted means of action already in existence and those to be adopted a fresh based on reasons and customs.
 - (59) "Polling Station" means a place where election is conducted as notified by the Returning Officer.
 - (60) "Polling Officer" means an officer who assists the Presiding Officer in conducting the Election.
 - (61) "Post" means any job to be selected or appointed and confirmed in connection with administrative matter of Nongstoin Syiemship.

- (62) "Presiding Officer" means an officer who conducts the election.
- (63) "Programme" means a planned series transaction of the Durbar.
- (64) "Proviso" means a condition or agreement.
- (65) "Question" means only question for clarification of any matter directly placed without discussion.
- (66) "Quorum" means minimum number of members of the Durbar which can transact business is 1/3 of the total number of members present in the Durbar.
- (67) "Raid" means the area comprising of several villages within the administrative jurisdiction of the Lyngskor of Raid Sohbar and Raid Langtur and the Basan of Raid Nongjri and Raid Kulang which has its own administrative Durbar known as Durbar Raid and Durbar Bishar.
- (68) "Rai-Durbar" means any decision of the Durbar supported by the majority in the Durbar should be implemented.
- (69) "Raiot" means the residents of Nongstoin Syiemship other than native and includes non-tribals.
- (70) "Rangbah Dong" means an administrator of local area who assists the Lyngdoh or the Myntri or Sordar and who is elected by the villagers of that local area concerned and confirmed by the village Durbar and recognized as such by the Syiem and his Durbar.
- (71) "Repeal" means cancel.
- (72) "Report" means what brought forward something to be put on action or something acted upon for approval by the Durbar.
- (73) "Reserve Fund" means any specially collected sum of money of unforeseeable events within the Syiemship.
- (74) "Resolution" means the proposal which the Durbar discusses to decide.
- (75) "Result" means the outcome of the Counting of votes in the Election.
- (76) "Returning Officer" means an officer of the highest rank who conducts the election and implements the Election.
- (77) "Sangot" means customary village crier/informer.
- (78) "Scrutiny" means examination of nomination paper in the presence of candidates or agents conducted by the Returning Officer as to the eligibility or otherwise of the candidate of any particular nomination paper.
- (79) "Section" means portion of the existing Act or Rules.
- (80) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Durbar Hima appointed by the Syiem and his Durbar who is also the Secretary of the Syiemship to look after the day – to – day affairs in the Office.
- (81) (a) "Shnong" means an area which may consist of several localities/dong falling under one Durbar under the administration of a Lyngdoh or Myntri or Sordar or jointly administered by a Myntri and a Lyngdoh, a Lyngdoh and a Sordar, a Myntri and a Headman, a Lyngdoh and a Headman duly recognized by the Syiem and his Durbar.
(b) "Executive Durbar Shnong" means the Durbar Synshar or Durbar Bishar of the village which shall be nominated or elected by the Durbar Shnong and confirmed by the Durbar Syiem or the Executive Durbar of Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (82) "Superintendent" means a responsible high ranking official to look after and manage all matters of the Office of the Syiem and who is appointed for this purpose by the Syiem and his Durbar.
- (83) "Suspend" means temporary stopping the performance or operation of any works/affairs or membership etc.

- (84) "Syiem" means the administrative head of Nongstoin Syiemship who belong to the Syiem clan of Nongstoin from the rightful womb to become the Syiem and who is elected and confirmed according to prevailing custom and tradition of the Syiemship.
- (85) "Syiem Khynnah" or "Deputy Syiem" means a person elected from the womb of the Syiem clan eligible to be the Syiem according to customary and prevailing practices when vacancy occurs. The Deputy Syiem shall superintend the administrative matter of the Syiemship and in the event the Syiem died or resigned, suspended, removed or retired shall be the Acting Syiem till a full-fledged Syiem is appointed.
- (86) "Syiemship" means territorial administrative jurisdiction of the Syiem of Nongstoin.
- (87) "Syiem Seng" means an adult female member of the Syiem clan who has the customary right to nominate the Syiem with the approval of the Syiem clan Durbar when vacancy occurs. The Syiem Seng shall be nominated by the Syiem and the Syiem clan Durbar.
- (88) "Treasurer" means a person who looks after the funds and makes payments to expenditures.
- (89) "Treasury" means the place where the fund of the Syiemship is kept.
- (90) "Vice-Chairman" means a person who assists the chairman and who is to represent the Chairman in the event the Chairman is unable to attend the Durbar due to any unavoidable circumstance.
- (91) "Vote" means the right of the participant/member of the Durbar to support or oppose any decision in the Durbar.
- (92) "Voter" means only the male adults who have attained the age of 18 years above, who is eligible to be member of Durbar Shnong or Durbar Raid and eligible to elect a Lyngskor, Basan, Myntri, Sordar, Headman or Rangbah Shnong.
3. (1) The Syiem clan which is eligible to be the Syiem, Deputy Syiem or Acting Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship according to prevailing custom and tradition followed from ancient time who are the descendants from the rightful womb of Ka Ksan Syiem as per the report of Capt. D. Herbert, The Deputy Commissioner, Khasi Jaintia Hills in 1903 (The list of the Syiems as per record is shown at Appendix – A of these Rules).
- (2) (a) The 24 clans who are Lyngdoh of Nongstoin Syiemship since ancient times until now are (1) Byrsat Nongstoin, Lyngdoh Hima (2) Sohlangpiaw, Lyngdoh Mawkhlam, (3) lawlar, Lyngdoh, Nongsangriang (4) Tympuin and Jyndiang, Lyngdoh, Nonglwai (5) Kharrit (Nongkharit), Lyngdoh, Marskuin, (6) Nongsiang, Lyngdoh Mawliehbah, (7) Khardewsaw and Myrthong, Lyngdoh Nongkhlaw, (8) Puwein, Lyngdoh Nongriangpoid, (9) Ryntong, Lyngdoh Nongtraw, (10) Rymmen and Umióng, Lyngdoh, Nongumtynru, (11) Puwein and Langrin, Lyngdoh, Nongmawmarin (12) Puwein Lyngdoh , Nonglanglieh, (13) Nongsymbei and Marthong, Lyngdoh, Nongtnger, (14) Thongni, Lyngdoh, Nongpuinskei, (15) Kharbani, Lyngdoh, Nongummer, (16) Thongni and Marthong, Lyngdoh, Nongumsaw, (17) Puwein, Lyngdoh, Nongphodjalei, (18) Puwein, Lyngdoh, Nongkrong, (19) Umyiap, Lyngdoh Nongdomprut, (20) Rynniaw, Lyngdoh, Nongrynniaw, (21) Miangiong, Lyngdoh, Nongmawngap, (22) Tynhiang, Lyngdoh, Nongmawdongkiang, (23) Synshiang, Lyngdoh, Nongporshih, (24) Tyrsa, Lyngdoh, Nongumshynrut. (Names>List of the present Lyngdoh is shown at Appendix-B of these Rules).
- (b) Only the said 24 clans mentioned above who are the bona fide natives of the respective area or villages are eligible to be Lyngdoh but other Lyngdoh clans who simply came to reside are not at all eligible to be the Lyngdoh. The Lyngdoh should be nominated/elected only by the recognized adult male members of the Lyngdoh clan concerned (Lyngdohship appertain to clans). The Lyngdohs should also be nominated / elected to a person with better knowledge.
- (3) Traditional custom in appointing Acting Syiem:- According to the traditional custom prevailing within Nongstoin Syiemship which was in force since time immemorial and in order to prevent any disorder in day-to-day function, in the event the post of the Syiem is lying vacant as a result of death, resignation, retirement, removal or suspension, the Executive Committee shall appoint the Deputy Syiem as an Acting Syiem till appointment of the full-fledged Syiem and in case there is no Deputy Syiem any adult

male belonging to the rightful womb of the Syiem clan shall be appointed as Acting Syiem and that the Post of Acting Syiem is the duty of the Durbar Kur Syiem through the Syiem Seng to nominate/furnish the name to the Durbar Syiem which shall forward the name to the Durbar Hima for approval and endorsement to the appointing authorities certifying thereon that the nominee belongs to the rightful womb of the Syiem clan eligible for the post of Syiem Nongstoin Syiemship.

- (4) Traditional custom relating to elect a Basan, a Lyngskor, a Myntri and Sordar Shnong –
 - (a) The Basan, Lyngskor, Myntri and Sordar Shnong as the case may be, shall be elected from among the recognized adult males of the village or Raid concerned who is a native born within Nongstoin Syiemship whose parents are Khasi natives of the Syiemship or who have adopted themselves with Nongstoin Syiemship who should be a Khasi possessing certain knowledge. The procedure for such nomination is through Election of the adult males of the village or Raid concerned and the candidate who secures the highest number of votes shall be the duly elected candidate.
 - (b) The Basan, Lyngskor, Myntri, Sordar and Headman or Rangbah Shnong shall be elected from person who possesses sufficient education and good behaviour whose parent are Khasi.
 - (c) In the event the Acting Basan, Lyngskor, Myntri, Sordar and Headman is also a candidate for the Election, he should either withdraw or resigned from such post of Acting 30 (thirty) days before the Election date.
- (5) Procedure for election of Headman or Rangbah Shnong:- The Headman or Rangbah Shnong shall be elected from among the adult males of the village concerned who should be a native born within Nongstoin Syiemship and whose parents should also be Khasi natives of the Syiemship or adopted themselves with Nongstoin Syiemship by the Durbar Pyllun of that village.
- (6) Procedure for nomination of Members of Dorbar Syiem:- According to the traditional custom prevailing within Nongstoin Syiemship, the members of the Durbar Syiem or Executive Durbar of the Syiemship shall be nominated by the Syiem from amongst the Lyngdoh, Basan, Lyngskor, Myntri and Sordar Shnong and the nominated members shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE SYIEMSHIP: - The Natives of the Syiemship and their rights of Syiemship's self-acquired rights.

- (1) In accordance with the Rules any person residing in Nongstoin Syiemship :-
 - (a) He/She being a native born and brought up within its territory or
 - (b) He/She who binds himself/herself to pay allegiance to the Syiem of Nongstoin and the rules and customs of the Syiemship shall be eligible as native of the Syiemship.
 - (c) Any person having enjoyed the right as native or acquired the right as such shall continue to be so, unless;
 - (i) He/She adopted himself/herself and acquired the status as native of another Elaka or.
 - (ii) He/She violated or suspended the status of native under any of the provision of the Rules or Act.

5. KI KHUN SOHSYIEM AND THEIR RIGHT WITHIN THE SYIEMSHIP:

- (a) Any person from outside the Syiemship who permanently came to reside within the Syiemship shall be and remain 'U Khun Sohsyiem' so long as he did not bind himself to acquire the status of a native as laid down under Rule 4 (1) (b).
- (b) 'U Khun Sohsyiem' has no right to demand the right enjoy by the natives of the Syiemship.
- (c) 'U Khun Sohsyiem' although adopted himself with Nongstoin Syiemship yet he is not qualified to be an Elector of the Syiem or Basan, Lyngskor, Myntri, Lyngdoh and Sordar.
- (d) 'U Khun Sohsyiem' who binds himself under the provisions of Rule 4 (1) (b) and had resided more than 10 (ten) years from the date he came to permanently reside within the Syiemship is eligible to hold only the post of Headman or Rangbah Shnong.

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- 6. TEMPORARY NATIVE IN THE SYIEMSHIP AND THEIR QUARANTEED RIGHT:-** Any person who temporarily resides within the Syiemship, as:
- (a) Person who marries a female native without adopting himself as native of the Syiemship, or a person who came to cultivate, trade, practice any other professions or for any other reasons shall be considered as mere stranger residing for gain/occupation within the Syiemship.
 - (b) Strangers can not receive any help from the Syiemship except to protect him/her from any harmful and illegal act as provided under the criminal law of the Country.
- 7. AN UNDERTAKING FOR CO-OPERATION WITH THE SYIEMSHIP:-** It is a sacred duty for every resident of the Syiemship to take active part for co-operation in matters relating to the benefits of the public as under:-
- (a) The rooting out of things which are harmful to the public.
 - (b) The support of schools or any other support/aids which will render educational consciousness to the public.
 - (c) The ways and means to promote health and benefit to the public.
 - (d) The strengthening of peace and tranquility among people.
- 8. Any person or group of persons who aim at or try to interfere with or disturb the co-operation as laid down under Rule 7 above shall be viewed as an anti-Syiemship activity which cannot be tolerated and should be penalised in accordance with law.**
- 9. THE INTEGRAL PARTS OF NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP: -**
- (a) According to traditional custom, the integral parts of Nongstoin Syiemship besides its natives are those which are clearly laid down in different portions of these Rules.
 - (b) The administrator of village, who are the Basan, Lyngdoh, Mynti or Sordar including the joint administrators of the village/villages as in the case of Mynti and a Sordar, a Mynti and a Lyngdoh, a Sordar and a Lyngdoh whether they are Electors or Headman, shall be elected according to customary practice in the Raid / village concerned and shall be confirmed by the Syiem of Nongstoin.
 - (c) The Administrators of Raid who are the Basan or Lyngskor shall be elected according to traditional custom of the Raid concerned and confirmed by the Syiem of Nongstoin.
 - (d) 62 (sixty two) Electors as shown in Appendix-I of the Act, consisting of 24 (Twenty four) Lyngdoh, 2 (two) Mynti, 2 (two) Basan, 2 (two) Lyngskor and 32 (Thirty two) Sordars, elected in accordance with custom prevailing in respective villages/Raid concerned and confirmed by the Syiem of Nongstoin.
- 10. THE ADMINISTRATION:-** The running of administration in the Syiemship. :-
- (a) There shall be a Durbar Syiem for smooth administration of the Syiemship comprising of the Syiem as Chairman, Deputy Syiem as Vice-Chairman, Lyngdoh Hima and some members as may be nominated by the Syiem from amongst the Electors and confirmed by the Durbar Hima.
 - (b) Its quorum shall be 1/3rd or 4 (Four) of its members by taking always into consideration what is better between the two.
 - (c) The Chairman of the Durbar Hima has the power to convene and prorogue it at any time he considers necessary by informing all the members either verbally or in writing.
 - (d) The Chairman of the Durbar Hima has the power to suspend any member of the Durbar Hima for coming to the Durbar under intoxication or utters any words to defame the sanctity of the Durbar and the suspension for that Member shall be deemed to have been suspended from the post he held from such date the Chairman issued the suspension order.
 - (e) Any member of the Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima, who remained absent for three consecutive Durbars, shall lose his membership, unless such absence is specially condoned by the Chairman on any genuine

ground. There shall be an attendance Register for record of the presence and the absence of all the members every time the Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima is held.

- (f) Any member of the Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima, who criticises or incites outside the Durbar against its collective resolution or decision, the Chairman has the power to temporarily suspend till such time such member tenders an apology in writing or at once remove his membership from the Durbar depending upon the finding of the Chairman to such act or behaviour of the said member. Every member of the Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima shall be collectively responsible for any act and decision of such Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima in implementing or enforcing it.
- (g) The members of the Durbar Syiem shall be nominated afresh once in every five years, existing members may be re-nominated or elect new members as the Syiem thinks fit and proper.

11. THE FUNCTION AND POWER OF THE SYIEMSHIP'S ADMINISTRATORS :- The Durbar Syiem has the power to implement all the administrative functions of the Syiemship with an exception of the following:-

- (a) Amendment of any existing custom.
- (b) Framing of any rule or regulation.
- (c) Sell, mortgage or make gift of any landed property within Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (d) Excess/surplus expenditure above the estimated amount fixed by the Durbar Hima or provided within the Budget Estimate.
- (e) Provision for collection or imposition of new toll within the Syiemship but in case of very urgent requirement, the Durbar Syiem may take and utilize the power to handle or exercise such power in implementing though barred by the provisions of the above sub-sections but in exercising such power, the Durbar Syiem has to report to the Durbar Hima at its first sitting with sufficient reasons for necessary sanction.

12. THE RUNNING OF ADMINISTRATION WITHIN RAID AREA:- There shall be a Durbar Raid consisting of Basan or Lyngskor as Chairman and representatives from amongst the voters of that Raid specially nominated for the purpose, the Secretary and the Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Durbar from amongst its members and that its:-

- (a) Quorum shall be 6 (six) members or 1/3rd of its members by taking always into account the majority of members.
- (b) The Chairman of the Durbar Raid has the power to convene or prorogue the Durbar at any time he so thinks fit by directing its Secretary to intimate such decision by any means as the Chairman may deem fit.
- (c) Any member of the Durbar Raid who remains absent for 3 (Three) consecutive Durbars shall lose the right of his membership, unless such absence is specially condoned by the Chairman for any genuine ground. The Secretary shall record the attendance and absence of all the members.
- (d) Any member of the Durbar Raid who criticizes or incites outside the Durbar against any of its resolution or decision after so resolved or decided, the Chairman has the power to place such member under suspension till he tenders his apology in writing or immediately removed him from his membership depending upon the finding of the Chairman as to the act or behaviour of the member concerned.

13. POWER AND FUNCTION OF RAID'S ADMINISTRATORS:- The Durbar Raid has the power to conduct smooth administration within the Raid concerned and make Rules and Regulations for their Raid according to the prevailing custom of the Raid subjected to the approval of the Syiem and his Durbar.

14. THE ADMINISTRATION OF VILLAGES:- There shall be a Durbar Shnong consisting of its Administrative Head as the Chairman and its voters as members, the Secretary and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from amongst the members of the Durbar Shnong herein:-

- (a) The quorum of the Durbar Shnong shall be 1/3rd. of its members.

- (b) The Chairman has the power to convene or prorogue the Durbar at any time he deems fit by directing the Sangot to intimate the same or by directing the Secretary to inform such intimation in writing. In case any particular village has more than one administrative Head, then one of them shall be the Chairman and the other as the Vice-Chairman or in case besides an administrative Head there is a Sordar or Headman, the administrative Head shall be the Chairman whereas the Sordar or Headman as the case may be shall be the Vice-Chairman.
- (c) Any member of the Durbar Shnong who attended late at the Durbar when the Sangot called the holding of Durbar for twice but failed to arrive even after the third call, such member shall be penalized by imposing a fine of Rs. 25/- only or as may be prescribed. Any member of the Durbar Shnong, who is available in the village when the Sangot made the call (except teacher or student) but remains absent in the Durbar more than thrice without permission or without prior information to the Chairman, he may be penalized by imposing a fine up to Rs. 50/- only at a time or as may be prescribed.
- (d) Any member who committed contempt of Durbar or used filthy languages before the Durbar, the Chairman has the power to give a warning. In case such member continues committing the aforesaid act even after he had been warned for three times, the Chairman as the administrative Head of the village can impose such member a fine up to Rs. 100/- only or as may be prescribed at a time.

15. POWER OF THE VILLAGES' ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS:- The Durbar Shnong has the power to smoothly run its own administration and frame village's rules and regulations only for its own village according to the customary practice prevailing within the village and subjected to the approval of the Syiem and his Durbar.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR (KHUTIWALA NEPALI):- Administrative management for the Nepalis who came to reside for farming (Khutiwala) within Nongstoin Syiemship shall be in accordance with the conditions imposed on the permission allowing Nepalis to reside for farming. The Durbar Hima has the power to make Rules and Regulations for administration and decision as deemed necessary.

17. THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: - For the purpose of administration of justice there shall be two categories of courts within the Syiemship:-

- (a) The administration of justice both civil and criminal cases of the Village or Raid shall be in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5 and 6 of Chapter II of "The United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953" shall be designated as "The village Court".
- (b) The court of the Syiem and Durbar as per provision of sub-rule (2) of Rule 7, Chapter II of "The United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953" designated as Additional Subordinate District Council Court.
- (c) For detention of any offenders, there shall be a Hajat of the Syiemship within the court of the Syiem.

18. RULES OF THE SYIEMSHIP:-

- (a) The power to frame new Rule:- All Traditional customs and usages of Nongstoin Syiemship maintained under this Rule are not amendable, save or otherwise to cope with the change of time in which case it can and shall be done so by repealing, amending or modifying them by the Durbar Hima of Nongstoin Syiemship permissible by the provisions provided in this Rule.
- (b) For the purpose of framing new Rule and Regulation provided by the above sub-rule.
- (c) The Durbar Hima shall sit as a law making Durbar of Nongstoin Syiemship which shall include the Syiem as Chairman, the Deputy Syiem as Vice-Chairman and the Electors as Members. Such Durbar shall exercise the function as such as specially provided in this Rule and as per the guidelines mentioned below:-
 - (1) The quorum shall be 1/3rd. of its members.
 - (2) The Chairman of the Durbar who has the power to convene and prorogue the Durbar not less than once and not more than twice in a year, at any time, date and place by consulting with the Durbar

Syiem and in which the Secretary shall intimate to all the Members in writing one month and a half (1½) before the proposed date of the Durbar. Any member of the Durbar as well as the Syiem shall submit a list of business be it a notion and a resolution or question to the Chairman one month before the day of the Durbar.

- (3) The Chairman has the power to allow or disallow any matter if in his view is not at all for the interest of the Syiemship or that the proposal has not been followed in accordance with provision of this Rule. For any proposal permitted by the Chairman, the secretary shall send a copy to the Members and the Durbar Syiem 15 days before the date of the Durbar and any Member who wishes to propose any amendment such proposal must reach the Chairman who has the same power to allow or disallow the proposal depending on their intents and purposes. For any proposal if so allowed, the Secretary shall again send a copy to the Members and to the Durbar Syiem, one day before the date of the Durbar along with the programme of all business.
- (d) If 34 Members out of the members of Durbar feel necessary to hold an urgent Durbar Hima for any reason which affects the peace and tranquility of the Syiemship, to be made in writing, the Chairman may convene the Durbar according to his finding on such given reason.
- (e) Any Member of the Durbar who remains absent for 3 consecutive times in the Durbar shall be disqualified from his Membership unless such absence is specially allowed by the Chairman on genuine grounds.
- (f) Any Member of the Durbar Hima who criticizes or violates publicly outside the Durbar its resolutions or decisions, the Chairman has the power to temporarily suspend such Member until he tenders an apology in writing or at once remove him from his membership to the Durbar depending on the finding of the Chairman as to the act and behaviour of such Member.
- (g) At the time when the Chairman enters the Durbar Hall, before the Durbar commences its business, all Members should stand up and take their seats until the Chairman has occupied his chair.
- (h) To implement any part of the provision of this Rule, the Syiem and his Durbar can formulate measures which shall be duly confirmed by the Durbar Hima.
- (i) When circumstances demand, a Committee or Commission may be constituted to assist in implementing this Rule and to run the administration, provided that it is confirmed by the Durbar Hima.

19. THE PROCEDURES FOR RUNNING ALL THE DURBARS WITHIN NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP: -

- 1) Whatever is provided and mentioned in this Rule, the procedures for running the Durbar within Nongstoin Syiemship shall be as per explanation clarified under these sub-rules.
- 2) The Secretary of any Durbar, except the Secretary of the Durbar Hima who is nominated by its Chairman, shall be elected only by the members from amongst the members of such Durbar and the Chairman shall hold and conduct the Election according to the Rules.
- 3) The resolution/decision of any Durbar shall be based on the majority and such resolution/decision shall be binding on the Durbar as a whole and all its integral parts or its administrative territorial jurisdiction. The Chairman has no voting right except in case of a tie whereby he shall exercise his casting vote to whichever side he chooses. To ascertain the majority, the Chairman shall make the counting by either raising of hands or standing up.
- 4) In cases when the Members attended fail to get the prescribed quorum in time, the Chairman may wait till the prescribed quorum is obtained or adjourn the Durbar on that day and refix another date.
- 5) The Chairman of the Durbar has the power to preside and maintain decorum in the Durbar, suspend the Member when his speech exceeded the given time or is outside the subject, to remove or expel the Member who uses filthy languages or creates trouble. The Chairman can also direct the Durbar to transact the business, prorogue or temporarily adjourn the Durbar when in his opinion is likely to lead to any disorderly situation and to decide what is right or what is not according to this Rule or rules framed under it, in any Durbar in different occasions as the Chairman. In case the Chairman is unable to decide any point of order based only on this Rule and its provisions, he may seek the assistance and the procedural

rule of Durbar of the District Council "The Autonomous District (Constitution of District Council) Rules, 1951" relating only to the portion dealing with the procedures and rules of Durbar.

- 6) Any member of the Durbar must stand up when he makes any speech in the Durbar and he must also address to the Chairman.
- 7) An adviser of the Syiem of Nongstoin has the right to take part in the Durbar Hima and all Durbar Syiem but he has no voting right to any decision.
- 8) All discussions, resolution and Durbar's decision requires to be recorded and signed only by the Chairman.

20. THE HEADQUARTER, OFFICE AND OFFICIALS OF NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP:-

- 1) The place for the Headquarter and Office of Nongstoin Syiemship and all required Officials of Nongstoin Syiemship shall be as defined in the under-mentioned sub-rules (2) (5).
- 2) The Headquarter of the Syiem of Nongstoin shall be in any place/site within the Syiemship as may be selected by the Durbar Hima.
- 3) The Office of the Syiem of Nongstoin must be within the Office of the Syiemship where it usually/always functions.
- 4) The treasury or the custody of funds of the Syiem of Nongstoin must be within the Office of the Syiem of Nongstoin and the Treasurer shall be the Syiem of Nongstoin himself.
- 5) For the purpose of checking the accounts of receipts and expenditures of the Syiemship, the Chairman of the Durbar Hima may appoint an Auditor at any time as he deems necessary.
- 6) The Durbar Hall where the Durbar Hima is to be held and convene must be situated within the Headquarter.
- 7) The Superintendent, Secretaries, Adviser, Accountant, Enforcement Inspector, Clerks and other officials of the Hima shall be appointed and confirmed by the Syiem and his Durbar.

21. THE TRADITIONAL CUSTOM FOR NOMINATION AND SUCCESSION OF SYIEM, DEPUTY SYIEM:-

- 1) The Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship shall be elected from the most eligible womb of the Syiem clan and it is the duty of the Syiem clan's Durbar through the Syiem Seng to nominate the name of the most suitable candidate to be Syiem to be confirmed/approved by a simple majority of the Electors present according to the traditional custom of heirship which shall forward to the higher Authorities for issuing appointment Sanad. The Deputy Syiem of the Hima is the person most eligible from the rightful womb to be the Syiem, pending confirmation of a regular Syiem, unless for any reason he is disqualified of such right.
- 2) The Deputy Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship shall be elected from the most suitable nominee of the Syiem clan and it is the duty of the Syiem clan's Durbar through the Syiem Seng to furnish the name of the most suitable nominee for the post of Deputy Syiem and it shall be confirmed by a simple majority decision of the Electors present as per the custom of heirship. The rule of succession will be the next younger brother of the Syiem who is the most suitable person to be the Deputy Syiem, unless there is any sufficient cause to disqualify that right, whereby the heirship shall be nominated by the nearest clan nephew of the Syiem and so on.
- 3) The Syiem Seng of Nongstoin Syiemship shall be elected from among the female clan members of the womb eligible to nominate the Syiem since time immemorial and duly appointed by the Syiem with the approval of the members of the Syiem clan Durbar and confirmed by the Durbar Syiem.
- 4) The Lyngdoh shall as per prevailing custom be elected from the Lyngdoh clan by the members of such clan who is the most suitable candidate to be appointed as the Lyngdoh by the clan Durbar. The Traditional custom of heirship or the rules of succession of the Lyngdoh shall be the next younger brother of the Lyngdoh to be appointed as the Lyngdoh, unless for any reason he is disqualified of that right whereby the heirship shall be nominated by the nearest nephew of the Lyngdoh and so on.

- 5) The election of Myntri, Basan, Sordar and Headman of any village and the Basan and Lyngskor of the Raid concerned shall be on any candidate who is a native, a voter and a resident of the village or Raid concerned to be by such voters of the village or Raid as the case may be.

Each and every post above mentioned shall be in compliance to traditional customary practice prevailing in the Raid/village(s) concerned as the case may be and the successful candidate shall be confirmed by the Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship.

- 22.** No person is eligible to be a candidate for any post mentioned in these Rules; if he is:-

- a) Not qualified to be a voter (except the Syiem Seng).
- b) Found mentally insane by any competent Court of law.
- c) Convicted by any Court of law for the offence of murder, arson, poisoning, robbing, theft unless he had completely changed beyond all remarks for a continuous period of 10 years from the date of such conviction.
- d) Convicted by any Court of law of having a marriage within the prohibitory decree.

- 23.** The Syiem who is to arrange and prepare the Electoral Roll shall be the Returning Officer of the election under these Rules and he shall appoint the Presiding Officer and Polling Officer for conduct of such election (except election to the post of the Syiem to be held and conducted by the higher Authorities, however it is necessary to conduct such election by following these Rules.)

- 24.** When in any village or Raid, a post is vacant, the Returning Officer shall summon that village/Raid to elect/ nominate by notifying wide publication before the election date and any eligible candidate when call for shall file his nomination paper as shown at Appendix-C along with the nomination fee of Rs. 100/- (non-refundable and shall be credited to the fund of the Syiemship) before the Returning Officer. The date of scrutiny of nomination paper shall be fix and arrange to enable the candidate to be present personally or through an agent. The candidate or his agent is competent to raise any objection to any defective nomination paper or the non-eligibility of any candidate to contest for the post/election and the decision of the Returning Officer to any objection shall be final. Any candidate may withdraw his nomination paper after scrutiny. The Returning Officer thereafter shall notify the date of election with intimation to the candidates and in the event, only one candidate is left, the Returning Officer shall declare such candidate is elected uncontested. However, for the Post of Headman who is not an Elector and Member of the Durbar Hima, payment of Nomination fee is not necessary and the mode of election shall be determined by the Durbar Syiem to smoothly conduct the Election whereby the Returning Officer will supervise as to what he considers fit according to custom or traditional practice in each village or place.

- 25.** The Candidate may appoint any person as agent for any election whom he considers fit or self, by fulfilling all the requirements of Appendix-C of this Rule.

- 26.** The election shall commence as may be determined by the Durbar Syiem in any village or Raid as may be fixed by the Returning Officer.

- 27.** The Presiding Officer with the assistance of the Polling Officer while conducting the election shall arrange a separate queue of voters for each candidate according to their choice in a vast area and counting of heads will be recorded in a plain paper wherein the candidates or agents shall also put their respective signatures therein.

- 28.** The Presiding Officer shall declare the result of the election on the same day in the presence of the candidate(s) and their agent after deciding of objection, if any.

- 29.** Any appeal against the decision or conduct of the election by the Presiding Officer shall be preferred before the Returning Officer along with the appeal fee of Rs.100/- (non-refundable) or as may be prescribed. Any appeal against the decision of the Returning Officer shall lie before the Durbar Syiem. When the appeal is allowed fresh election shall be held and another Presiding Officer shall be entrusted to conduct that election.

- 30.** Before taking part in any Durbar every member of the Durbar Hima should be administered on oath in the presence of the Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship in accordance with the form prescribed in Appendix-D.

31. On any date of Election, selling of liquor at the vicinity of the Election premises or taking liquor when entering at the Election premises is prohibited .Any voter who is intoxicated/drunk within the premises during the period of Election shall loss the right of voting on that day and any candidate who is found intoxicated/drunk inside the Polling Station on the Election day shall be a disqualification of his candidature for that Election.

32. ON LANDED PROPERTY: - According to the prevailing custom within the Syiemship, there are – Khyndew-Ri-Kynti (Private land), Ki khyndew Ri Bamlang (Community lands), Ki Law Lyngdoh (Lyngdoh Forest), Ki Miangsainkseh, etc.

(1) Ri-Kynti (Private land):- Private land within the Syiemship shall be authenticated by means of Registration, in order to enable the private land owners to get recognition through the Syiem and his Durbar.

(2) Registration Fee or Confirmation Fee of landed property:- In order to enable the Office of the Syiem to ascertain the ownership or claim of right over any private land or of any person, the same should be registered with the Office of the Syiem, which should be witnessed by the adjacent land owners and village elder like Sordar/Headman etc. of the village where that plot of land located, the Syiem will also depute his Officer to conduct an enquiry on the spot. When everything is in order, it shall be notified for public notice before registering it, to give a chance to the public for objection, if any.

33. (1) LAW LYNGDOH (LYNGDOH FOREST) :- Lyngdoh forest belongs to the clan, village etc. should be registered and when so registered they are recognized as private rightful claim of that particular clan, village of private individual as the case may be depending on the registration arranged by the Syiem and his Durbar and according to the prayer for such Registration.

(2) Village forest or village land: - which are within the Syiemship, can be recognized by the Syiemship when duly registered or when the Syiem and his Durbar are duly intimated by ascertaining and certifying the boundaries of that forest or land concerned.

(3) Land of Private Individuals :- Private individuals or family who is desirous of getting their land recognized by the Syiem and his Durbar, should present for registration to the Syiem for necessary processes of all formalities and if that chance is available, they have to inform the Syiem in writing, in such a way, necessary no objection certificate may be obtained from the administrators of the village where that plot of land is situated, together with the signatures of adjacent land owners shown on the sketch map or any paper certified as such:

(a) Private individuals or any other persons having private landed properties should register with the Syiem in order that their ownership right is recognized and also to inform in writing in case they distribute their purchased land among their children.

(b) Conveyance: - Any land owners who sell his land to any villager within the Syiemship specially those who offer for sale to person outside the Syiemship must inform the office of the Syiem to do the needful and to obtain the permission from the office of the Syiem to avoid any possible dispute in future. The office of the Syiem shall fix the fee for such sale as a Transfer Fee. Sale of land to person outside the Syiemship must obtain prior permission from the office.

(4) The Syiemship shall not recognize and grant permission to any person who offer for sale of their land to Non-Khasi unless prior permission is obtained from the Syiem and his Durbar and such permission shall not be granted to Non-Tribal.

(5) Claim of private land: - No land can be recognized as private property unless registered with the office of the Syiem of Nongstoin.

34. (1) KA KHRONG KA DAN means a traditional system of normal collection of customary tolls/revenue by the Syiem and his Durbar comprising of “KA MUSUR , KA BAINGUH SYIEM” and a toll/fee for issuing the Certificate of Origin in accordance with the age-old customary practices prevailing/established custom and usages of the Syiemship.

(2) Markets: - All markets within the Syiemship are under the management of the Syiem and his Durbar and the amount of collection of toll shall be fixed from time to time.

- (a) All shops' /stalls' dealers and construction of shop/stall within the market area must obtain the permission from the Office of the Syiem and must comply with its instructions issued from time to time.
- (b) All shop's/ stall's owners shall not allow any person to stay in the market's shop/stall without permission from the Office of the Syiem.
- (c) Construction of shop/stall within the market area must be at the proposed site according to the permission and measurements of the Office of the Syiem.
- (d) Sellers/dealers within the market: - All markets' sellers/dealers within the market area have to follow and abide by the rules framed by the Office of the Syiem and they must clearly intimate the Office the type of goods they deal in, to avoid any dispute and chaos as a uniform disciplinary measure to all. The Office of the Syiem has the power to impose any conditions on the sellers/dealers and also for those who apply for allotment of shop/stall in the market and the decision of the Syiem and his Durbar relating to any dispute within the market area shall be final.
- (e) The Syiem and his Durbar can collect toll on all the goods entering into or going out of market area (with an exception of those goods purchased for personal and family use).
- (f) The Office of the Syiem and his Durbar shall not be responsible for any shop/stall constructed outside the market area and in doing so it is considered illegal.
- (g) The Syiem and his Durbar has the authority to seek financial assistance for development/improvement of the market from any source and while implementing such development/improvement arrangement shall be made and affected shops/stalls will be informed if at all such development/improvement is to be carried out in the market.
- (h) It is the duty of the Syiem and his Durbar together with the shops'/stalls' sellers/dealers to make the market within the Syiemship improve and clean and for that purpose orders may be issued if required.

- 35. (1) Non-TRIBALS:-** The Syiem and his Durbar are competent to frame any rules or regulations to matters relating to administration and decision on Non-Tribal affairs.
- (2) Any company or private individuals from outside the Syiemship who venture in business or establish any factory or industry shall have to obtain the prior permission from the Syiem and his Durbar without which they shall not be allowed. It is also against the established customs and convention to deviate the Office of the Syiem of Nongstoin in such matters.
 - (3) Any establishment of factory within Nongstoin Syiemship has to obtain prior permission from the Office of the Syiem, from the village authority concerned and the land owners as well before starting with the business. Such permission or authorization shall be renewable every year; this condition applies to Sub-Rules (1) and (2) above.
 - (4) Benami transaction of any sort within the Syiemship is prohibited and violation of which shall be penalized by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (5) Transport and sale of Charcoal: - The Syiem and his Durbar shall not grant permission to any body for transporting of charcoal outside the Syiemship in charcoal business without the decision of the Durbar Hima, however such permission can be granted to supply of charcoal for domestic use only.

36. MANAGEMENT OF FUND OF NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP:-

- (1) The fund of the Syiemship shall be deposited in any recognized Bank at Nongstoin.
- (2) The Bank Account shall be opened in the name of the Office of the Syiem of Nongstoin, Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (3) The Bank Account of the Syiemship shall be jointly operated by the Syiem and the Accountant or as may be decided by the Durbar Syiem.
- (4) Before withdrawal of money from the Bank, prior sanction of the Durbar Syiem is required except withdrawal for payments of salary of the employees sanctioned in the Budget Estimate, which is not required.

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- (5) The Syiem has the capacity to accord sanction of any amount below Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only and beyond that amount, it requires prior sanction by the Durbar Syiem save those payments relating to the salary of the employees.
 - (6) The Accountant shall make payment of any expenses only through the Syiem or on any authorized expenses already approved by the Durbar Syiem or Durbar Hima.
 - (7) The Accountant is the custodian of fund of the Syiemship for any income or receipt which the Syiemship is entitled to and such income shall be received through prescribed challan of the Office and duly passed by the Syiem or by the Officers (M.D.S) (the prescribed challan is as shown in Appendix-E).
 - (8) (a) It is the duty of the Accountant to keep proper records of the account of the Syiemship.
 - (b) To prepare statement of accounts showing the receipt and payment every 3 months and the same shall be forwarded to the Syiem through the Member in charge who will take the same and table for discussion at the Durbar Syiem.
 - (c) To prepare, keep proper records and maintain the Cash Book, Bank Book, receipt and payment of the Office.
 - (d) To prepare the statement of account showing receipt and payment of the Syiemship at the end of the year and forward the same to the Syiem and his Durbar for necessary action.
 - (e) To prepare the Budget Estimate.
 - (f) Full disclosure of all Book of Accounts for assessment/Inspection by the Auditor appointed by the Syiem and his Durbar.
 - (g) There must be a Reserve Fund of the Syiemship with a separate Bank Account jointly opened by the Syiem and the Accountant in any recognized Bank at Nongstoin.
 - (h) The Treasury or Treasurer is authorized to officially keep in custody the Syiemship's money, not more than Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only in order to meet any urgent requirements/emergencies.

Note:- The Nongstoin Syiemship Rules, 2003 in local language shall stand modified and superceded by the English translation of the same Rules.

Certified that the Nongstoin Syiemship Rules 2003 was approved and passed by the Durbar Hima of Nongstoin Syiemship on the 24th July 2004.

Deputy Secretary to the Executive Committee,
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Shillong.

APPENDIX-A

The Syiem of Nongstoin based on available Record who belonged to the rightful womb eligible to be the Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship, the heirship of which according to the Report of Capt.D. Herbert, the Deputy Commissioner, Khasi Jaintia Hills in 1903 (Undisputed Syiems).

1. U Mut Singh Syiem	1829	—	1863
2. U Don Singh Syiem	1863	—	1878
3. U Bor Singh Syiem	1878	—	1890
4. U Jisingh Syiem	1890	—	1890
5. U Mudon Syiem	1890	—	1894
6. U Rabon Syiem	1894	—	1897
7. U Mon Syiem	1897	—	1901
8. U Suna Syiem	1901	—	1925
9. U Sib Singh Syiem	1925	—	1964
10. U Hin Sing Syiem	1964	—	1966
11. U Hodington Syiem	1966	—	1991

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APPENDIX - B

The Names of the Lyngdoh of Nongstoin Syiemship (at present) together with their respective titles who are the Lyngdohs and the places of Lyngdohship they belong to –

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place.</u>
1.	Mr. Macmillan Byrsat	Lyngdoh Hima Nongstoin.
2.	Mr. Bisingh Sohlangpiaw	Lyngdoh Mawkham.
3.	Mr. Ephren lawlar	Lyngdoh Nongsangriang.
4.	Mr. Alexandar Nongsiang	Lyngdoh Mawliehbah.
5.	Mr. Stick Jyndiang	Lyngdoh Nonglhai.
6.	Mr. Bickstarwell Kharrit	Lyngdoh Nongmarskuin.
7.	Mr. Nisingh Khardewsaw	Lyngdoh Nongkhlaw.
8.	Mr. Denis Puwein	Lyngdoh Nongriangpoid.
9.	Mr. Phedrikshon Ryntong	Lyngdoh Nongtraw.
10.	Mr. Tusingh Umiong	Lyngdoh Nongumtynru.
11.	Mr. Malisingh Puwein	Lyngdoh Nongmawmarin.
12.	Mr. Olis Roy Puwein	Lyngdoh Nonglanglieh.
13.	Mr. Pius Nongsymbei	Lyngdoh Nongtnger.
14.	Mr. Lamphrang Thongni	Lyngdoh Nongpuinskei.
15.	Mr. Political Kharbani	Lyngdoh Nongummer.
16.	Mr. Himland Thongni	Lyngdoh Nongumsaw.
17.	Mr. Punit Puwein	Lyngdoh Nongphodjalei.
18.	Mr. Hukar Puwein	Lyngdoh Nongkrong.
19.	Mr. Shondro Umiap	Lyngdoh Nongdomprut.
20.	Mr. Albert Rynniaw	Lyngdoh Nongrynniaw.
21.	Mr. Serius Miangiong	Lyngdoh Nongmawngap.
22.	Mr. Hershon Thynhiang	Lyngdoh Nongmawdongkiang.
23.	Mr. Standing Synshiang	Lyngdoh Nongporshieh.
24.	Mr. Hep Tyrsa	Lyngdoh Umshynrut.

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APPENDIX-C

(Rule 24) NOMINATION PAPER.

Name of the village from which the candidate contests.....

Name of the Raid/Village from which the candidate contests.....

Name of the Candidate

Father's Name.....

Age.....

Address

Name of the Post for which the candidate Contests.....

Signature of the proposer.....

Signature of the Seconder.....

DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby declare that I agree to this nomination

Date

Signature of the Candidate.

I hereby declare that I have appointed..... to
be my election agent.

Signature of the Candidate

I have duly scrutinized the eligibility of to be the
candidate of/for my
finding is that his is eligible/not eligible to be a candidate for the above post.

Date.....

Signature of the Returning Officer.

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APPENDIX – D**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER OF DORBAR HIMA**

I, U..... swear/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Rule and Act of Nongstoin Syiemship and that without favour or fear to any one, I will faithfully discharge my duties as the Member of the Dorbar Hima. I, further, swear/solemnly affirm that any information communicated to me as the member of the Dorbar shall not be revealed to any person/persons except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

Signature of the Member who took
oath or solemn affirmation.

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APPENDIX-E**OFFICE OF THE SYIEM OF NONGSTOIN,
NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP:**

To,

The Meghalaya Rural Bank,
Nongstoin Branch.

Please credit to Account No. _____ of the Office of the Syiem
of Nongstoin, Nongstoin Syiemship.

Name & Address of the Depositor.....

Full Particulars of the Remittance	Amount	
	Rs.	P.

(Rupees only)

Signature.

Date.....

Signature of the
Syiem/Deputy Syiem/Officer

Bank's Signature & Seal.